

Department of Correction's Camp Summit Juvenile Boot Camp Recommended for ACA Accreditation with High Marks

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Commissioner

LaPorte County, Indiana - (August 28, 2007) - Commissioner J. David Donahue was pleased to announce today that the Department's Camp Summit Juvenile Boot Camp passed their audit with a perfect 100 percent on the mandatory standards established by the American Correctional Association (ACA), and an extraordinary 99.1 percent on the non-mandatory ACA standards.

Two Independent auditors selected by ACA, one auditor from the State of Georgia and another from Ohio, spent two days at Camp Summit, touring the grounds and going through policies and procedures, and observing practices before finalizing their recommended score.

"The ACA Audit process is very involved and comprehensive. I am proud of the way my staff worked together as a team, utilizing their training and experience to achieve this goal," said Michael Scott, Superintendent of Camp Summit Boot Camp. "The success of this Audit is a tribute to the Camp Summit Team, which works diligently to help our young men successfully return to their communities and families as law abiding citizens."

After reviewing the Facility, the ACA Auditors commented on the high level of professionalism displayed by Camp Summit staff. They noted the cleanliness of the Facility, and were complimentary to the facility's positive atmosphere and the way it promoted successful performance by staff and the rehabilitation of the juveniles served there.

"Camp Summit Boot Camp is the only detention boot camp operating in Indiana, and one of the few successful boot camps operating in the Nation," explained Commissioner Donahue. "I am very pleased but not surprised by the high score being recommended for this Facility, and I applaud the staff for their

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About Camp Summit Boot Camp

Camp Summit began operation in 1995 as Indiana's first correctional boot camp. It sits on 7.5 acres in LaPorte County. Before operating as a boot camp for juvenile males (between 12 and 18 years of age), this facility held adult females, and prior to that was a work release center for adult males. It began as a farm that was worked by an honor detail from the Indiana State Prison.

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.